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## **PLYMOUTH RECEIVES \$2 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDS**

**PLYMOUTH, CT** - Congresswoman Nancy Johnson and USDA Rural Development State Director, David Tuttle were handing out “big checks” today.

The Congresswoman and Director Tuttle presented the Town of Plymouth with \$2 million in federal funds in order to upgrade and improve operating conditions for eight of Plymouth’s wastewater pumping stations which were built almost twenty-five years ago. Generally, equipment in the wastewater industry is designed with a useful life expectancy of about twenty years. USDA funds will be used to provide a brand new, stable, efficient and easily maintainable sewer system for Plymouth.

“This is such an important project,” said Congresswoman Johnson, “and I will work to ensure that Plymouth receives the funding it needs to upgrade its wastewater system. This is about cleaning up Plymouth’s waterways and eliminating pollution. The residents of Plymouth deserve no less.”

“Rural Development is happy to be able to help the Town of Plymouth,” State Director David Tuttle said. “It is of critical importance that we provide our local communities with the funds they need to make infrastructure improvements in their communities.”

The \$2 million in USDA funds is being awarded to the Town of Plymouth in the form of a \$1,579,479 low-interest loan and a \$420,521 Water and Waste Disposal Grant. The objective of USDA Rural Development’s Water and Waste Program is to help develop public water and waste water systems in order to reduce or eliminate pollution of water resources and for the improvement and planning of solid waste facilities.

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“Our pump stations have been living on borrowed time for several years” commented Mayor David Mischke, “this funding is quite timely.” Director of Public Works for the Town of Plymouth, Ralph Zimbouski added, “A large percentage of the Community relies on sewerage pump systems being addressed as part of this project. The Water Pollution Control Authority is appreciated for their efforts in guiding this project from a necessary need to reality and many thanks are extended to the USDA for providing a funding source to make this project happen.”

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